

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please replace the original claims with the following complete listing:

1. (Currently Amended) A metal detector comprising:
a substantially non-metallic housing that defines a hollow cavity and a human walking surface; and
a metal scanner element positioned in the hollow cavity defined by the non-metallic housing and entirely vertically below the human walking surface,
wherein the walking surface receives a covered human foot.
2. (Original) The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the substantially non-metallic housing is plastic.
3. (Original) The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the substantially non-metallic housing is partially translucent.
4. (Original) The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the human walking surface defined by the substantially non-metallic housing is inclined with respect to a planar human walking surface.
5. (Original) The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, further comprising indicia positioned adjacent to the human walking surface of the substantially non-metallic housing.
6. (Original) The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the metal scanner element is a wand-type metal scanner.
7. (Original) The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, wherein a device selected from the group comprising an on/off switch, a battery source, and an LED is also positioned in the hollow cavity.
8. (Currently Amended) The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a second metal detector positioned adjacent to the metal detector, the second metal detector comprising:

a second substantially non-metallic housing that defines a second hollow cavity and a second human walking surface; and

a second metal scanner element positioned in the second hollow cavity defined by the second non-metallic housing and entirely vertically below the second human walking surface,

wherein the human walking surface and the second human walking surface each receive a covered human foot.

9. (Original) The metal detector as claimed in claim 8, wherein the human walking surface defined by the substantially non-metallic housing is angled with respect to a planar human walking surface.

10. (Original) The metal detector as claimed in claim 8, wherein the second human walking surface defined by the substantially non-metallic housing is angled with respect to a planar human walking surface.

11. (Currently Amended) A method to check human shoes, socks, and feet for metal objects comprising the steps of:

a) providing a stationary metal detector on a floor surface , the detector having a substantially non-metallic housing that defines a hollow cavity and a shoe receiving surface, and a metal scanner element positioned in the hollow cavity defined by the non-metallic housing and entirely vertically below the shoe receiving surface; and

b) positioning a shoed human foot on the stationary metal detector.

12. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 11, further comprising the step of passing a shoed human foot over the stationary metal detector in place of step a).